GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1784
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WAGES FOR AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to increase the rate of wages for agricultural labourers;

(b) if so, whether the wages fixed for agricultural labourers have also been made applicable to contract labourers;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether different categories have been prescribed for the agricultural labourers; and

(e) if so, the details of the wages, category-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) & (b): Under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the rates of minimum wages payable to workers in the scheduled occupation of agriculture in the Central Sphere have been revised and notified by Central Government on 20.10.2005. These rates are equally applicable to contract laboures engaged in agriculture occupation in the Central Sphere.

(c): Does not arise.

(d) & (e): A statement giving the minimum wages fixed by the Central Government for workers engaged in agriculture occupation − area/category-wise is annexed.

ANNEXURE DAILY RATES FIXED BY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FOR UNSKILLED, SEMI-SKILLED, SKILLED AND HIGHLY SKILLED WORKERS ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURE OCCUPATION UNDER THE MINIMUM WAGES ACT, 1948 (As on 20.10.2005)

Area Category wise rates (Rupees)

	Unskilled	Semi-skilled	Skilled	Highly Skilled
1	2	3	4	5
A	114.00	125.00	137.00	153.00
B	104.00	116.00	125.00	141.00
C	102.00	107.00	115.00	125.00

AREA `A`

Ahmedabad (UA) Hyderabad (UA)

Bangalore (UA) Kanpur (UA)

Calcutta (UA) Lucknow (UA)

Delhi (UA) Madras (UA)

Greater Bombay (UA) Nagpur (UA)

AREA `B`

Agra (UA) Jamshedpur (UA)

Ajmer Jodhpur

Aligarh Kochi (UA)

Allahabad (UA) Kolhapur (UA)

Amravati Kozhikode (UA)

Aurangabad (UA) Kota

Barelly (UA) Ludhiana

Bhavnagar Madurai (UA)

Bikaner Meerut (UA)

Bhopal Moradabad (UA)

Bhubaneshwar Mysore (UA)

Amritsar Nasik (UA)

Chandiragh (UA) Pune (UA)

Coimbatore (UA) Patna (UA)

Cuttack (UA) Raipur (UA)

Durgapur Rajkot

Faridabad Complex Ranchi (UA)

Ghaziabad (UA) Sholapur (UA)

Gorakhpur Srinagar (UA)

Guwahati City Surat (UA)

Guntur Thiruvananta (UA)
puram
Gwalior (UA) Vadodara (UA)

Indore (UA) Varanasi (UA)

Hubli-Dharwad Vijayawada (UA)

Jabalpur (UA) Vishakhapatnam (UA)

Jaipur (UA) Warangal

AREA 'C'

will comprise all areas not mentioned in this list
NB
:
U.A. stands for Urban Agglomeration.